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SUBJ: BARBADOS REPORTEDLY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

1. BARBADOS' WEEKLY, THE NATION, HAS REPORTED THAT PROFESSOR DON BLACKMAN, BARBADOS AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS, IS NEGOTIATING IN NEW YORK TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING, IT IS KNOWN THAT BARBADOS' NEW GOVT HAS BEEN REVIEWING THIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY AND BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. SUCH A MOVE WILL, OF COURSE, DISRUPT THE EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN BARBADOS AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. SINCE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH BARBADOS IN 1971, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BARBADOS, UNTIL SEPT OF THIS YEAR GOVERNED BY THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE EXACT MOTIVATIONS FOR THIS DIPLOMATIC MOVE ARE NOT CLEAR, IT HAS BEEN LONG EXPECTED THAT THE BARBADOS LABOR PARTY, SHOULD IT COME TO POWER, WOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD OF JAMAICA AND GUYANA IN FORMALLY RECOGNIZING THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC. PRESUMABLY THE GOB SEES ITSELF AS RATIONALIZING ITS FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD CHINA, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS FORSAKING THE IMMEDIATE MATERIAL ADVANTAGES OF MAIN-
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TAINING RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IT IS

NOT LIKELY THAT THE MOVE IS STIMULATED BY A PROMISE OF
MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC. END COMMENT.
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